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SUBJECT: P-23 Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle Interim Training Plan

1. Reference HQ USAF/ILE Message R 281800Z Jan 99, Status of P-23 Fire Truck Wheel Hub Failures and Repairs.

2. The current problems associated with the P-23 hub/axle assemblies have required us to publish routine and emergency response speed limit restrictions. Additionally, normal and daily non-emergency operational tasks such as drivers training for certification and licensing purposes have been impacted (reference paragraph 1 above). As a result of these restrictions and the potential impact they have on our ability to effectively train and qualify our people, we have developed the following HQ AFCESA/CEX, WR-ALC/LES, and 312 TRS/DOF coordinated interim training policy guidance. Please disseminate this information to your respective bases.

3. We will approach this interim training policy guidance using two perspectives. First, we will address firefighter requirements to complete the 3E751D, *Apparatus Driver/Operator – Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Vehicles* and secondly, address firefighters attempting to become licensed to drive and operate the P-23.

a. Completing the Driver Operator ARFF Certification Course. To become driver operator ARFF certified, candidates must complete the 3E751D certification course. The written test for this course is currently based on the P-19 technical order. The required performance tests can be accomplished using any major crash vehicle. While the P-23 problems are being resolved, we request and prefer that you use any other major crash vehicle to accomplish the required performance tests. On the other hand, bases that only have P-23's can still use this vehicle to complete the required tasks as long as they adhere to the restrictions cited in the referenced message cited in paragraph 1.

b. Obtaining a P-23 Driver's License. To become licensed to drive and operate the P-23, candidates must enroll in the recently completed P-23 multimedia training course, X6ANU3E751-000 (PDS Code 520), A/S32P-23, *Fire Truck Operations*. This course was created to replace the P-23 mobile training team course. The course provides our people with consistent training and standardizes the course content being taught at all Air Force installations

while the hub/axle assembly problem is being worked. This course also has three performance test objectives that must be completed in accordance with the restrictions cited in the referenced message cited in paragraph 1. Additionally, completion of this course provides three hours of college credit.

c. Multimedia Training Program Enrollment Procedures. Active duty military, reserves, or DoD civilian personnel may enroll in the course by applying through their local unit On-the Job (OJT) training manager at the military personnel flight/center. Air Force personnel should submit an AF Form 403, *Request for Special Technical Training*, to their unit training manager at the base military personnel office. Reservists who are in the Individual Mobility Augmentee (IMA) program may order the course through HQ ARPC, Denver, CO 80280. US Civil Service employees, who need training as part of their job certification and training, may order the course through base education offices or civilian personnel offices. USAF contractors are eligible in accordance with AFCAT 36-2223, *USAF Formal Schools*. Training requirements are entered into the Base Level Personnel System (BLPS) or PCIII System and flow to the appropriate technical training school training manager for validation and scheduling in the Air Force Training Management System (AFTMS). Training requirements established in the AFTMS will be identified to the training managers by training requester quota identifiers (TRQI) and the MAJCOM from which the requirement originates. If access is not available to one of these systems, students may request enrollment directly by sending an e-mail, Internet/Interlink, fax, or letter to the course training manager. All requests forwarded must include the following so that it can be entered into the AFTMS for shipment of the course materials:

(1) Name, rank, and social security number of the student

(2) Student's unit address and DSN phone number

Enrollment should be based on a need basis; for example, the enrollee needs training for task certification or job-related skills/knowledge training. Local commanders, training managers, and supervisors should ensure these courses are ordered only to meet training and mission requirements.

4. We recognize that all fire chiefs are concerned with maintaining a sufficient number of qualified driver/operators. Thus, we believe this coordinated interim training guidance provides a medium for ensuring your personnel still receive quality training. Should you need further assistance, please contact one of the following:

a. Operational Guidance/Programs: HQ AFCESA/CEXF, George F. Hall at DSN 523-6159, or email: [george.hall@afcesa.af.mil](mailto:george.hall@afcesa.af.mil).

b. Training and Certification: HQ AFCESA/CEXF, CMS Jim Podolske at DSN 523-6321, or email: [podolskj@afcesa.af.mil](mailto:podolskj@afcesa.af.mil).

c. Course Enrollment: 312 TRS/DOFX, TSgt Lloyd Mackell at DSN 477-4578, or email: [lloyd.mackell@goodfellow.af.mil](mailto:lloyd.mackell@goodfellow.af.mil).

d. P-23 Vehicle Specialist: WR-ALC/LES, Mary Zampa at DSN 468-6488 X195, or email: [mary.zampa@robins.af.mil](mailto:mary.zampa@robins.af.mil).

5. Your assistance in the successful implementation of this interim training guidance is appreciated.

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